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This just in. Maybe you can find out more from someone in the delegation later. What is Alatas cooking up? Assume you saw Canalini's comments on Belo. If not, let me know.

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WEST GERMANS SEE IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST TIMOR Item: 142

By Kevin Cooney
JAKARTA, July 6, Reuter - Living conditions in East Timor have dramatically and this could lead to broader international recognition of Indonesia's claim to the troubled territory, visiting West German members of parliament said on Thursday.
"There has been astonishing progress overall, in the general appearance of the people, in the way they are clothed, in the infrastructure, in the condition of buildings," said Detlef Kleinert, a Free Democratic Party member who first visited East Timor in 1985.
Kleinert, with a seven-member Bundestag delegation touring Indonesia, told reporters the Jakarta government knew that "less pressure means less opposition" and this could improve the human-rights situation in East Timor.
Indonesia claimed sovereignty over the Portuguese colony and sent in its army in 1976. It has claimed success in putting down an independence struggle by Fretelin guerrillas although hundreds of fighters still roam in the hills of the impoverished region.
Western human rights groups have persistently accused Indonesia of acting brutally in taking control of East Timor

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and the United Nations still recognises Portugal as the administering power over the territory.
"If the improvements continue," Kleinert said, "the formal position taken by the U.N. may have to be reviewed."
Klaus-Jurgen Hedrich of the Christian Democratic Union, leader of the delegation, said his group during its visit to East Timor found people advocating integration into Indonesia and others who seek a measure of autonomy.
"And there are those who come out strongly for independence," he added.
He said the Indonesian government was well-advised to take head of these viewpoints if it wanted to bring reconciliation to the territory.
Carlos Ballo, Roman Catholic bishop of East Timor, who in February called for referendum on the territory's future, was doubtful that such a vote would take place, another delegation member said.
"The Indonesian government does not want to have such a referandum," said Helga Timm, a Social Democrat.
Foreign Minister Ali Alatas told the delegation, members of a group that deals with the Association of South East Asian Nations, that the Indonesian government was seriously considering inviting U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to play a role in bringing peace to East Timor.
"This could begin a process that could lead to a solution," Hedrich said.
He said the West Germans had turned over to Indonesian officials the names of 11 people reported by the human rights organisation Amnesty International to have been arrested recently in East Timor. The officials had promised to investigate whether the rights of any of the 11 had been violated and pass on the information to Bonn.
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